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Bridge money included in bill

U.S. House to consider funds

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A new highway funding bill to be considered by the U.S. House of Representatives next week will include \$5.2 million in federal funds to help plan the design of the McKinley Bridge and \$1.4 million to begin study for the new Mississippi River Bridge.

Approval for the McKinley Bridge repair money, as well as \$4 million for land acquisition for the extension of Interstate 255 toward Alton was approved Tuesday by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, according to U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-McCormickville.

The bill is known as the Built Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act.

"While we have a long way to go until the bill becomes law, today's action by the committee is a strong first step," said Costello, a member of the committee. "As we work to see that the bill I will continue to fight for funding for our state and the 12th Congressional District."

Officials in the city of Venice, which owns the McKinley Bridge, have said without major repairs to the deck on the western approaches, the

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Mayor Tyrone Echols
Venice

bridge would almost certainly have to be shut down in the next five years, and could be shut down in as little as six months.

Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols said he was very pleased to hear about the addition of the money.

"It's great," he said. "You know I've got high hopes."

The proposed new eight-lane bridge across the Mississippi River would cross just south of the McKinley Bridge and would be in to the proposed Highway 3 near what is now National City, then Interstate 203 near Galesburg, Interstate 203 near Galesburg, Interstate 203 near Galesburg, and finally Interstates 64 and 55/70.

The total cost for the new bridge and approaches on both sides of the river is more than \$500 million.

It is expected to take at least 10 years, and more likely 15, to complete.

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Teacher charged by SIUE police

Madison School District drivers' education teacher and athletic director Don Smith was charged with DUI by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville police.

At the time of the arrest, Smith, of Granite City, was driving one of the district's drivers' education cars.

According to university spokesman Keith Nichols, Smith was arrested about 9:30 p.m. Friday, after he was stopped by university police near the intersection of University Drive and New Paoli Road. The reports stated that he failed a field sobriety test and refused a blood alcohol test.

He was also charged with misdemeanor obstruction of justice.

Madison Superintendent Gary Allison declined comment, saying the matter was a personnel issue.

Board asked to decide care homes issue

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

County Board members Tuesday were asked to make a decision by April 15 on whether to close the nursing and shelter care homes, while backers of the homes indicated they will fight to keep them open.

At a committee meeting Tuesday, opponents of keeping the homes operating were just as lively in insisting they should close.

COUNTY BOARD

"The people have spoken. They had to up to here with taxes," said Everett Cottrell of Glen Carbon who visited the joint meeting of the Personnel and Health Institutions committee.

County Board Member Robert Stille, D-Edwardsville, said: "The people have not said to close the

homes. They have said they do not want to be taxed for operations."

Voters turned down a \$5 million bond

issue to build a new home and a \$500,000 of assessed valuation property tax for operating expenses.

Board members and visitors toured around suggesting such as selling land and using the money to buy a new combined home and inducing private developers to come in and start a home to take the current

home.

No decision was made at the Tues-

day meeting, but Director of Adminis-

tration James Monday said a deci-

sion should be made soon to prevent depicting the county's image as dis-

tant.

He said the longer the county

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Shafer's suit names paper

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The ongoing dispute over Pontoon Beach resident Ron Shafer's concrete dumping on his property has escalated into a libel suit naming the "Granite City Press-Record" as a co-defendant.

The suit was filed Friday in Edwardsville. Also named as defendants in the suit were former reporter Michelle Duerell, Pontoon Beach Building and Design, Bartholemew, Randy Presswood, former Trustee Mike Macek, Shafer's brother Fred Shafer, Kathy Smart Shafer, Bear Foot Inc., and County Board Member Ron Shafer.

Ron Shafer seeks "in excess of \$50,000 damages in each of four counts in the suit."

The suit cites a March 20, 1997 article in the "Granite City Press-Record" and the village's attempt to issue a stop order on Ron Shafer.

Fred Shafer, Macek, Presswood and Bartholemew are quoted in the article.

According to the lawsuit, the article contained "false and defamatory statements, including statements alleging that the plaintiff engaged in illegal concrete dumping, and further had violated Illinois and Federal environmental protection laws by damaging wetlands."

The suit also alleges that Bartholemew, Presswood, Fred Shafer, Kathy Smart, Bear Foot Inc., and Rea acted together to contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and

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Groups come to student's aid

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Although they will be brought together on an odd occasion, several Granite City area groups and organizations are banding together to help a young girl who needs assistance.

Sarah Kennedy, a 12-year-old student at St. Elizabeth School, must travel soon to New York for surgery.

She has a brain aneurysm.

An aneurysm is a sac formed by a local enlargement of the weakened wall of an artery, and must be removed.

The Granite City Jaycees are host-

ing a benefit chicken dinner for Sarah, and have joined together with the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, the Columbus Home Asso-

ciation and the Pontoon Beach Lions.

The benefit is set for 7 p.m. to mid-

night May 2 at the Knights of Colum-

bus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

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The real 'senior' prom — Jeremy Champion, right, of the Granite City High School Student Council, dances with Bernice Boda at the 1998 Senior Citizen Prom. The Student Council sponsors the event for area senior citizens every spring. For story and more pictures, see People, Page 1C.

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Jamie Buckingham
Granite City Jaycees

OPINION

CAPITOL FACTS

Poshard presents problems for Ryan

George Ryan has a big problem: The Republican candidate for governor has a new Democratic opponent, Glenn Poshard, who most people assume is more conservative because he's southern, devoutly religious and pro-life.

Conservative Democrats are fearing by Republican candidate is just about anything.

Defeating a liberal Democrat is "relatively easy" — if you want proof just look at how Dick Clark's "42-percent-tax-holiday" Netter was clobbered by Governor Jim Edgar in the 1994 campaign.

Illinois voters tend to support moderate-to-liberal Republicans.

Democrat Dick Durbin toned down his liberalism considerably before he ran for the U.S. Senate in 1996.

Republican Jim Edgar played up his pro-choice, pro-education stances in his first gubernatorial campaign in 1990. Former Gov. Jim Thompson was a classic moderate liberal-Republican.

Former U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon was probably more popular with Republicans than with his fellow Democrats when he lost his job to pro-rationing.

Glenn Poshard was hammered mercilessly in the Democratic primary for being too conservative.

But now those attacks will probably help him in his cause because he doesn't have to start the campaign convincing voters that he's not a liberal.

Two days after Poshard won the primary, however, George Ryan tried to make her a segregationist and began defining Poshard as a liberal, and not the conservative that his Democratic opponents insisted he was.

Before he threw his hardest punch, Ryan jabbed Poshard calling him a "congressman from Washington" which is all we well know, is one of the vilest epithets that can ever be hurled at an opponent. But that probably won't work in the long run because Poshard announced when he was first elected that he would limit himself to five terms, and then amazingly he kept that promise, qualifying him for re-election. Good for his colleagues in our nation's capital.

Suburban Republican Congressman Phil Crane, for instance, promised to support term limits 10 percent. Crane served in the same freshman class as Abraham Lincoln.

And then Ryan resorted to the old Republican roundhouse punch that has worked so well for his party over the years.

Ryan slammed Poshard for voting for tax hikes, and for sponsoring a single tax increase when he was in the state legislature.

But the Poshard campaign quietly pointed out last week



Rich Miller

that there's a real problem with this line of attack. George Ryan's records aren't exactly clean when it comes to the subject of taxes.

Take yourself back to 1982, when Ryan was Gov. Jim Thompson's running mate. Thompson and Ryan hammed away at Democratic opponent Adlai Stevenson for being a "tax and spend liberal," and won by a quarter-point.

A few months after the election Thompson pushed through the largest tax hike in Illinois history.

Four years later, Thompson and Ryan again promoted new taxes, and a few months after their win, Thompson pushed through yet again.

Ryan's people call these stories "red herring" but they have voted for several tax hikes since he was a state legislator "ancient history," but Poshard can make a good case that he's responsible for this.

In this state had checked past when it comes to telling the truth about tax increases.

Return to Dawn Clark Nethsch for a quick moment.

Remember the headlines two years ago after Jim Edgar trounced her? He proposed her very same tax increase for schools.

It looks like he's boxed in. He can't criticize Poshard for being a "congressman" or for supporting higher taxes without it ultimately backfiring.

And Ryan can't easily attack Poshard for his almost religious-like fervor for labor unions. After all, he's worked very hard over the years to make everyone forget about how he brought the anti-union "right to work" legislation to the House floor when he was the Speaker.

To win in November he'll need the support of lots of union members, if not the labor leaders themselves, but anything even remotely resembling an anti-labor stance emanating from his mouth will make the unions scream bloody murder that the "bad old George" has been reborn.

Possard is rather fairly positive private company employee until the last few days when he had taken all the criticism he could stand.

Maybe he can be convinced to continue his original behavior. And maybe Ryan will figure out soon that he should stick to talking about the future, and not say things that will cause the other side to dredge up his past.

Poshard is a good man, but he's probably not the right person to lead the state of Illinois.

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NEWS

Downtown Walgreens may be built

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Nearly a decade after being proposed, a Walgreens may finally be built on the corner of 20th and Madison in downtown Granite City.

The City Council has authorized economic development director Dan Brown to proceed with negotiations with the developer, Hurwitz Development of Springfield, to build the store put on hold since 1989.

Previously, Hurwitz put off construction while the company studied how to build on the site which had contained a Clark service station that may have contaminated the groundwater below.

If built, the new, 14,000-square-foot store would join a second Walgreens, which recently opened at Crossroads Plaza from its former home in Nameoki Village.

Brown said the new store should draw people from a wide area in the southern part of the city and from Venice, Madison and the

GRANITE CITY

racetrack, without taking any business away from the Nameoki store.

When the new store is built, Brown said the council will most likely allow Hurwitz to erect signs under current city ordinance governing business signs.

Recently, the city and the Nameoki Walgreens were at odds over the number of signs put up for the building.

The business wanted a free standing sign to complement signs on the building itself, but in the end took down some of the latter signs. Several members are considering restructuring the sign ordinance, Brown said, but the new Walgreens store would in all likelihood fall under the current ordinance.

No timetable is set yet for construction of the new Walgreens, but negotiations and preparations are about 90 percent complete, Brown said.

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McKendree to present nursing program

McKendree College's Nursing Honor Society will sponsor an educational program for members and community members on April 20.

Sister Jean deBlois from the Catholic Health Association in St. Louis will be the guest-speaker on the topic of "Ethics."

The meeting will be at the

Bellecourt Place banquet center in Belleville. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 7 p.m.

For reservations, call Sharon Rieser at 222-2460. Reservation deadline is April 11.

The cost for the dinner and program is \$16, payable in advance.

Included in the evening's

agenda will be the awarding of four scholarships, two to McKendree nursing students currently enrolled in the program and two to McKendree graduates who are in a program of higher education.

Induction of new members into the Nursing Honor Society also will take place.



SCOTT KELLY / Press-Record

Is Price right? — From left, Mitchell Fire Department Chief Eddie Lee; Bill Price, Republican candidate for the 12th District; and Ron Trimmer, Mitchell Incorporation Committee member — along with several Mitchell children — cut the ribbon officially opening the Mitchell campaign headquarters last Saturday. Price, who faces incumbent Jerry Costello in the fall, supports Mitchell being allowed to vote on its incorporation. The headquarters is at 514 E. Chain of Rocks Road.

Felony warrant served to GC man

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A Granite City man faces five weapons charges for firing a shotgun during a struggle last week.

Dennis F. Greene, 36, of the 2300 block of Wilson, was arrested Saturday on charges of reckless discharge of a firearm, a Class A felony, and unlawful possession of weapon, a Class C felony.

According to police reports, the incident occurred when Tina

Greene, his estranged wife came to Greene's home with her boyfriend, Ron Klinger, to pick up her son. They were waiting in their parked car outside the house when the son came out followed by Greene.

An argument apparently broke out between Greene and Klinger, who allegedly raised a shotgun and pointed it at Klinger. The latter man opened fire on Greene, who turned and pointed the shotgun back at Greene and Klinger struggled and the shotgun discharged into the air.

Klinger got the weapon away

from Greene, discharged a round into the ground, then got in the car and drove away.

When police arrested Greene, he told them he knew what he did was stupid, but wanted to know if a lawyer before he said anything.

Because of that, Greene's motives are unknown.

Greene was held in Madison County jail on \$5,000 bail, and may face trial on May 12. A \$75,000 bond was set by Judge Lawrence Keshner.

Arlington area under boil order

Residents in the Arlington Heights area should be advised to drink and cook with water by Friday morning without boiling it.

Because of a main break Tuesday afternoon near Highway 162, Illinois-American Water Co. issued a 36-hour boil advisory for about 400 custom-

ers who live or work near the Arlington Heights subdivision near Granite City.

Residents in the boil-affected area should drink and cook with water only after boiling it for five minutes. However, the water is fine for bathing purposes.

A contractor accidentally hit

the water line Tuesday.

Company spokesman said Crews were immediately dispatched and service was restored.

However, as a precaution, affected customers are advised that they are and to boil their water to meet state requirements and allows for a series of tests to determine the water is completely safe to drink.

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Rangen

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historic site that includes an additional 205-acre pre-historic site, Alton Mounds. That's a lot taller than Cahokia Mounds' 2,200 acres.

"It's going to take a little adjustment," Rangen said. "I'm still learning my way around."

Rangen, 52, grew up near Rock Island in the Colona-Green Rock area. He joined the U.S. Navy after high school. The service brought him to Long Beach, Calif. That led to a fatal Thanksgiving in 1965 in nearby Alhambra.

He was visiting his aunt when he happened to open her next door, a Northern Ireland native.

"She was visiting relatives and was going to work for a year and then go back home," Rangen recalled. "I changed that."

Rangen and his wife, Carole, will mark their 32nd anniversary June 3. They live in a home on the site.

Having married and started a family, Rangen didn't want to risk serving time in a dutiful Vietnam, so he got out of the Navy after eight years. Rangen took a job as a ranger with the Illinois Department of Conservation, working in the Johnson-Sauk Trail Park in Kewanee.

State park sites didn't exist then, and the parks all were overseen by the DOC. After eight years as a ranger, Rangen got the chance to become Black Hawk's first site manager.

He took it.

He didn't either stay in land management or continue to be a cop, and I didn't like being a cop," Rangen said.

Just five years from retirement, Rangen's interest in the Cahokia Mounds site was gauged. Initially, he wasn't interested.

"I thought about it overnight though, and I decided I was," Rangen said. "It's a new challenge."

And it really is for Rangen, who describes himself as a "hands-on" person. At a small site, he involves himself in every aspect of the operation. Not only easier, it was almost required. At Cahokia Mounds, there was no possibility of a

"I have to be more of a

manager and a coordinator of everything and keep a focus rather than being personally involved with all things as I have in the past," Rangen said.

But the trade-off is worth it, he said. He is anxious about the old school and other excavation projects at the Mounds, something he had little experience with at Black Hawk. The volume of work also is greater.

"I am always busy," Rangen said. "I'm never bored because there is always something going on."

Their challenge is to find a way to keep people out of the park who are damaging it.

Mounds south of the practice Center sit on a small piece of property recently annexed by Fairview Heights. It has been damaged by all-terrain vehicles. Rangen said the site is turned over to enforcement for help. The annual coordinating meeting with local police is coming up.

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I must wonder how the outcome of this referendum might have been different.

Suppose the same people who write letters and worked as hard as they did to promote the referendum might have taken the same time effort to encourage the County Board from blatantly making a fool out of the taxpayers.

Ponder for a moment how things might be different if these people got involved each time they read of mismanagement and recklessness spending of our hard-earned tax dollars.

The blame does not belong on the backs of overburdened and frustrated taxpayers who unfortunately can only speak as they did when voted against the nursing home referendum.

Take another look, perhaps you will see where the blame, and the shame, really belongs.

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Letters
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A) Raisins, B) Fertilizer
B) Friskies C) Iams D) Science
Diet

How did you do? Just to make it interesting, the answers will be in next week's paper. Until then, if you run across a farmer, say thanks. It is something they don't hear often.

Also this past week, the United States Department of Agriculture's National Statistics Service released its 1988 U.S. real estate value, including land and buildings. Once again, we have set a new record of \$1,000 per acre, an increase of 67 percent since 1980. The average place is now only \$599.

How did Illinois do? The average price in 1980 was \$2,000 per acre. It was reported at \$2,900, an increase of 8 percent over the previous year. But we had some ups and downs in between. Remember the mid-1980s?

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12 names who have received school scholarships a matter of their being private or that it would be political suicide if the real story was known by the voting public?

I feel that until these names are released, Mr. Hoffman is encouraging suspicion as to his real reason for failing to do so and should be denied an opportunity to be another career politician.

Mr. Hoffman has been our representative for several years and I have come to believe that it takes just about that long for a freshman representative to think he has a career.

There are only two people asking to be elected to the House of Representatives. One is attached, Jay Hoffman and the other is Steve Reed. My choice is clear.

WILLIAM AMOS
Caseyville

THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law



If someone is injured on your property, can you make a submissible recovery? Do you fear that this will be used as a cash cow? Many landowners in this area are reluctant to fix or alter the property where a guest has been injured because they feel this may demonstrate that there was negligence originally. As a general rule in Illinois, evidence of subsequent repairs is not admissible to show prior negligence.

In one recent case, a police officer slipped and fell on ice that had accumulated on a porch step at a residence. He fell on his back, and was eventually terminated by the police department for medical reasons. He later filed suit against the landowner, alleging that he had permanent injuries which had resulted in substantial medical bills and lost wages.

At the time of the officer's fall, the house had one front porch step which was located directly beneath the slope of the porch roof. The porch roof had no guttering, and water drips from the roof onto the step and froze. Had there been gutters, the water could have been diverted, and presumably the ice would not have accumulated

on the step. Two years after the accident, the landowner made repairs to the front porch step and installed gutters to the porch roof. When the case came to trial, the plaintiff attempted to introduce evidence of these subsequent repairs, including photographs of the house taken after the repairs were completed. The trial court excluded this evidence, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The injured police officer appealed the decision, and one issue was whether the evidence of subsequent repairs was properly excluded.

The Appellate Court affirmed the decision of the trial court and noted in evidence of subsequent repairs is inadmissible to show prior negligence. The Court emphasized that one reason for this is that the repairs may merely be motivated by the landowner's desire to provide the highest care and therefore not be an admission of negligence. The second reason why such evidence is inadmissible is that as a matter of public policy, "the taking of corrective measures should not be discouraged by allowing evidence thereof."

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Door prizes, a parade of donations, and auction and music by Jeff and Lori are all offered. Tickets are a \$10 donation.

Jamie Buckingham, Jaycees project coordinator, said she met Sarah's father, Lance Kennerly, at the Knights of Columbus.

"His daughter plays basketball (with) St. Elizabeth's. He mentioned (her) to me and I told him, 'before the Jaycees board,'" she said.

Kennerly also went to the Knights about doing something

for Sarah. Soon after, all the groups just got together, Buckingham said, and no one is sure when Sarah's surgery will happen.

"They could call her at any time," she said, and Sarah might not even be here for the benefit.

A fund has also been arranged for Sarah. Donations may be sent to Magna Bank, c/o Sarah Kennerly, 1960 East Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

This column was compiled by Scott Kelly from the files of the Press Record.

2 years ago

March 26, 1996 — Metro East LLC developer Michael Vitis halted the permitting and siting of his proposed \$70 million power plant in the city of Madison.

In a letter, Madison Mayor Joe Beierhoff read at Tuesday's council meeting, Vitis said his company was stopping both the siting application and the state Environmental Protection Agency and the siting application with Madison for a fuel processing plant that would adjoin the proposed energy plant.

Vitis cited recent action by Gov. Jim Edgar that eliminated sections of the Netted Rate Law that provided tax credits for utilities purchasing power from fossil-to-energy facil-

ties. Also, the Illinois Pollution Control Board had ruled that the siting of a \$75 million plant was "unreasonable and unfair" because of a trip several Madison aldermen took to similar plants in Michigan.

Opponents of the plant had filed an objection to the plant's siting in late July.

5 years ago

March 26, 1993 — Granite City officials are joining a group of leaders of other communities in opposition to policies and practices of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The city council unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday expressing its support for the group, the Citizens Coalition Against Mismanagement, or SCAM, and pledged to work with the group to bring about its goals.

The coalition was formed in Aspen, Co., last year when a panel

of scientific experts determined that a proposed plant in Sulphur, Okla., in that community was unnecessary and based on unscientific grounds.

In Granite City, the EPA plan includes removal of residential soil from a 55-block area and placing the contaminated dirt on an acre of battery materials on the property of Taracorp Industries. The city contends that the plant poses greater risk to the health of area residents and should be removed.

10 years ago

March 24, 1988 — The Department of Conservation has banned tax delinquent lands from up to 100 percent of all state revenues.

The lands, which include parts of nine state parks and a state national area, included in the Horseshoe Lake State Park here.

The restrictions range widely in areas included and time periods encompassed. Some are seasonal, others year-round.

They make it a class B misdemeanor to use any alcohol on any Conservation Department property that is posted against such use.

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Belleville Area College and could be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 900 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

- June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
 - June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
 - June 22-23, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).
 - June 29-July 1, 9 a.m.-noon, specialized camp (pitchers).
 - July 6-7, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).
 - July 8-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (fielders).
- For more information, call 6-2700, extension 271.

AC basketball camps

Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Hinsinger and women's coach Mike Juener will conduct their annual basketball camps this summer.

Area boys and girls from grades 3-8 will be eligible to take part in the week-long sessions, which will be offered in June, July and August. Costs of the camps vary. Checks should be made payable to BAC Basketball Camp and sent to: BAC Basketball Camp, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221.

Camps will be held during the following weeks:

- June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 15-19, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 22-24, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 3-4 nippert camp. Cost: \$40.
- June 29-July 1, grades 9-12

guard camp. Cost: \$30.

• July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.

• July 6-10, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.

• July 13-17, boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.

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• July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 1-2 little nippert camp. Cost: \$25.

• July 27-29, 1-4 p.m., grades 5-8 shooting camp. Cost: \$30.

• Aug. 3-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-8 boys. Cost: \$90. (includes lunch).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271 or 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 271.

Check-in is at 9 p.m. and bowling begins at 9:30.

The price is \$20 per couple. There will be a 50/50 raffle and attendance prizes. Food will be available until 11 p.m. For reservations, call 476-1075 or 397-0237.

Baseball league

The IABC Baseball League is seeking baseball teams 12-and-under to compete in Metro league. For information, interested baseball coaches can call Gregg Reichert at 345-6386.

Prep football clinic

The Illinois High School Football Coaches Association will conduct its 1998 clinic April 4-5 at the Champaign Hotel in Champaign. Highlights include:

- Thirty-one high school football coaches speaking.
- Six college football coaches speaking.

In addition to Jones, Rams players scheduled to instruct at the camp include: Isaac Hayes, Brian Jackson, Ken Carter, Ernie Conwell, Mike Jones, Mike Gruttaduria, Derrick Harris, Ron Moore, Aaron Lang and Marquis Walker.

"We're teaching them about football, but we're also trying to tell them a little bit about life," Jones said. "What we're trying to do is not only make them better football players, but better people."

For more information about the Jones camp, call 1-800-555-0801. Overnight housing is available.

• Field demonstrations by the University of Illinois football staff.

• Washington Redskins coach Norv Turner as the keynote speaker.

• A Fellowship of Christian Athletes breakfast.

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The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, call Jim Rexilius at 630-668-0648.

Jones football camp

The Robert Jones Football Camp will be June 13-17 at Blackburn College in Carlinville. The camp is for boys ages 8-12, featuring instruction and top college coaches.

Jones' camp is designed as a skills camp, where emphasis is placed on teaching proper football skills.

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The schedule for World Baseball Days is listed below:

• July 18: baseball card show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; youth baseball camp, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; sporting goods show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; autograph session with world athletes, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Taste of the World (local restaurants serve food from the 12 participating countries), 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Fredbird, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; World Championships playoff games, noon-10 p.m.; barbecue, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

• July 19: sporting goods show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; barbecue, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; bronze medal game, noon; gold medal game, 7 p.m.; awards ceremony, 7 p.m.

For more information, call 236-1768.

Women's golf

The Cardinal Creek Women's Golf Association will begin its season 9:30 a.m. on March 31 with an organized sign-up coffee at the Cardinal Creek Golf Course Clubhouse at Scott Air Force Base.

Any woman who is eligible to play on Cardinal Creek Golf Course is eligible for membership in the association. The group meets to play golf each Tuesday morning from April through the end of September. Women can play either nine or 18 holes.

Beginners who join the association can start in April with a series of weekly lessons at a discounted rate. The fee is \$15, will be \$20 plus a \$20 handicap fee for anyone who does belong to Cardinal Creek Golf Club as season pass holder.

For more information, call Donna Nicholas at 624-4234 or Mary Regan at 234-1609.

Girs basketball camp

The ninth annual Breanna Kelly/Lady Blues Basketball Camp for girls in grades 6-12 will be June 14-18 at Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Kelly, who leads the Illinois College women's basketball team, said the camp will emphasize individual skills and concepts, as well as advanced techniques for team offense and defense. Area high school coaches and several area college graduates will comprise the coaching staff.

The camp fee is \$195 for residential students and \$150 for commuters. The residential rate includes on-campus housing and meals. The meal fee includes meals. A third option, which does not include housing and meals, costs \$110.

Camp brochures and application forms are available by calling Kelly at 7-3404 or 217-243-6299. On-site registration will take place at IC's Memorial Gymnasium from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 14.

Kelly's Lady Blues have won more than 150 games over the past 11 seasons. The veteran head coach has guided the Lady Blues to seven Midwest Conference playoff appearances, including a second-place finish in 1996-97.

Spike-It-Up

Spike-It-Up, the nation's premier amateur outdoor volleyball tour in cooperation with USA Volleyball, has announced that St. Louis will be one of 10 host cities for the 1998 national tour. The volleyball action comes to Forest Park on June 13-14.

Last year's U.S. tour attracted more than 7,000 players and 200,000 spectators. The week-end format features volleyball competition for players ages 11 and older of all abilities. Divisions range from open competition to recreational and coed play, and numerous special events and contests are available for players and spectators.

For more information, call the Spike-It-Up hotline at 314-644-7700.

Hoop-It-Up

The NBA and Hoop-It-Up—the league's and NBC Sports' official three-on-three street basketball tour—have announced the worldwide tour will return to downtown St. Louis April 22-26. The 1998 tour marks the 10th anniversary of the global hoops fest, which features competition for players ages 8 and older.

Hoop-It-Up is one of 44 stops on the tour, which has played host to more than 1 million players since its inception. The St. Louis event expects more than 5,000 players and 25,000 spectators to participate throughout the weekend.

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Charles White

CHARLES T. WHITE, 22, of Granite City died at 1:47 a.m. Sunday, March 22, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Sept. 5, 1973, in Granite City and was a lifetime resident.

Survivors include three brothers, John E., White, of Granite City; Michael E. White, of Pacific, Mo.; and Daniel Evans, Las Vegas, Nev.; and a sister, Candice Sue Smith of Denver.

He was preceded in death by parents, John and Patricia (Fox) White.

Services were held Wednesday, March 25, at Irwin Chapel, 631 W. Millie Road, with the Rev. John Childers officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Larry Rutter

LARRY "GREGORY" RUTTER, 41, of Madison died Wednesday, March 15, 1995, in Arnold, Mo. He was born on Dec. 17, 1954, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Rutter was self-employed.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda (Brown) Rutter, his mother, Shirley Turner, former of Granite City; one son, Jason Rutter, of Granite City; one daughter, Michelle Rutter, of Granite City; three step-daughters, Chrissy Orasco, of Angelsburg, Pa.; Connie Orasco, of Collinsville; two brothers, Carl Turner and Mike Turner, both of Granite City; four sisters, Norma Rutter, of Granite City; Linda Rutter of Millstadt; Debbie Rutter of Madison and Tina Turner of Granite City; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles "Pete" Rutter.

Services were Tuesday, March 24, at Werner Chapel, Granite City, with the Rev. Reba Deimar Shirley officiating. Burial will be in Mount Evergreen Cemetery in Millstadt.

Larry Klob

LARRY T. KLOB, 50, of Granite City died at 1:35 p.m. March 19, 1995, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Klob was born April 15, 1947, in Granite City. He had been a member of the Fire Department for 21 years. He had also been a 1965 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

He was a graduate of the University of Illinois, and a member of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include one son, Joshua Klob of Weston, Conn.; his mother, Lorene Klob of Granite City; one sister, Linda Muller of Granite City; two brothers, Rick and Mike Klob, both of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Klob.

Services were Saturday, March 21, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Bill Delmar Shirley officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Charles Burns Sr.

CHARLES BURNS SR., 76, of Granite City, formerly of Glen Carbon, died at 3:55 p.m. Monday, March 23, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in St. Louis County. He was born Jan. 12, 1921, in Venice, N.J.

Mr. Burns was owner and operator of Grand Cafe and Bill Burn Cafeteria, now just Burn Cafeteria. He was a member of the American Legion, AAF, Senior Council and Holy Catholic Church, a former member of the Madison County Mental Health Board, and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Julianne Burns; three sons, Charles Burns Jr., of Collinsville, John Burns of

Edwardsville and Robert Burns of Mesa, Idaho; a daughter, Linda Burns of Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Grace (Hinchliffe) Burns; two brothers, John, Ernest Edward, Donald and Lawrence Burns; and one sister, Eleanor Haderle.

Services will be Friday, March 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fishel officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Helen Hoffman

HELEN T. (GOMZEE) HOFFMAN, 74, of Granite City died 6:31 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 1995, in Granite City. She was born April 4, 1923, in Glen Carbon.

Mrs. Hoffman was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Hoffman and John Hoffman, both of Granite City; one daughter, Pa George of Dupo; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Martin of Granite City; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, John Gomez Jr.

Services will be Friday, March 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Wiese officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to the Holy Family Catholic Church or to the American Diabetes Association.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Virgil Rorie

VIRGIL RORIE, 77, of Granite City died at 6:34 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City. He was born April 18, 1918, in Indian Mound, Tenn.

Survivors include his children, Donald, Daniel and Clara (Carroll) Rorie, and four sisters.

Services will be Friday, March 27, at Angelside Funeral Home in Dover, Tenn. Burial will be in Cross Creek Cemetery in Indian Mound, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys (Lehman) Rorie, his son, Daniel and Clara (Carroll) Rorie, and four sisters.

Services will be Friday, March 27, at Angelside Funeral Home in Dover, Tenn. Burial will be in Cross Creek Cemetery in Indian Mound, Tenn.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Donald May

DONALD L. MAY, 61, of Collinsville died at 10 p.m. March 19, 1995, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were Monday, March 23, at Herbert A. Kassly Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Jim Gaskins officiating. Burial will be in Buck Road Cemetery in Maryville.

Memorials may be made to Donor Choice.

Rose Creekpum

ROSE CREEKPUM (GAMACHE) CREEKPAUM, 52, of Belleville, formerly of Canohka, died Tuesday, March 21, 1995, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Creekpum was a member of the Christian Worship Assembly Church in Caseyville.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Creekpum; Son Thanh; David Skaggs of DuQuoin; Richard Creekpum Jr. of Ponte Beach and Tad Creekpum of East St. Louis.

Services will be Friday, March 27, at Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia with the Rev. Bert Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Cemetery in Cahokia.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion.

Joanne Ringhardt

JOANNE (MAGNALL) RINGHARDT, 53, of Granite City died at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born on Sept. 30, 1943, in St. Louis. She had been a housewife.

Survivors include her husband, William Ringhardt; one son, Jerry Lane of Granite City; five daughters, Mary Gaddy, Annie Gandy, Linda Yvonne, Vicki Tinko, all of Springfield, Mo.; three sisters, Lorna Schmid of St. Louis, Carol Hensel of Granite City, Rita Lybarger of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The students died yesterday by her parents, George and Georgann (Gardner) Marshall; one grandchild, Timothy Gandy; and two nieces, Rose and Dorothy Surratt.

Services were held on Friday, March 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Bert Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the Donor's Choice.

Charles Burns Jr.

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Survivors include his wife, Julianne Burns; three sons, Charles Burns Jr., of Collinsville, John Burns of

FUNERAL SUMMARY

Clement Andria

CLEMENT ANDRIA, 80, of Granite City died Sunday, March 22, 1995, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was born July 12, 1917, in Granite City.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Granite City.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Gladys Ropac

GLADYS D. ROPAC, 84, of Granite City died Sunday, March 22, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Wednesday, March 25, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Frances Teltinghousa officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

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Alvin Bruns

ALVIN M. (STRACKELJAHN) BRUNS, 98, of Granite City died at 7:13 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 1995, at Maryville Manor. She was born Oct. 25, 1896, in Granite City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's United Methodist Church in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to St. John's United Methodist Church in Collinsville.

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Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Francis Richeson

FRANCIS M. RICHESON, 69, of Granite City died Friday, March 24, 1995, at John Cochran Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were Monday, March 27, at St. John Barracks National Cemetery.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

HONORS

The following is a list of Bellview Area Community High School graduates in the 1997 Fall Semester as released by Ted Lewis, vice president for student development.

Graduates include students who have achieved academic accomplishments with honors, high honor and a perfect grade point average.

The students are from Bellview Area Community High School.

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Fairview Heights — Kathy Steiner.

Granite City — Kristen Hamilton.

O'Fallon — Arthur Morissette.

HIGH HONORS

Arlington Heights — Jeanne Frey.

Bellville — Cynthia Brown, Cheryl Carmichael, Elizabeth Kinney, Jennifer Phipps, Devore, Jeanne Dossi, Romona Hahn, Garret Heyman, Michael Laflen, Debra Lincoln, Christopher Lee, James Munn, Brian Muller, Deborah Tate, George Voss.

Chukio — Christine Grant.

Collinsville — Karen Mercer, Carolyn Pirtle, Carol Weitzel.

East Alton — Scott Dabbs.

Granite City — Jan Bain, Brenda Dillalo, Michelle Harris, Debbie Johnson, Anna Rose, Kristin Johnson, Matthew Masschale, Thomas Galbraith, Audra Kelly.

Millstadt — Kelly O'Donnell.

Mount Olive — Beth Schilling.

O'Fallon — Mark Buttner, Linda Fingerhut, James Fogwill, Diana Jarrell, Michael Shultz.

St. Louis — Christopher Elliott, Carol Lathan.

Staunton — Andrew Forbes.

Swartz Creek — Bruce Neuner.

Trenton — Carolyn Meier, Joseph Perrin, Marlyn Yeager.

Troy — Diana Smith, Laurie Grubb, Heather Richardson, Retta Sage, James Scott II, Jane Tribou, Michael Troy, Gwendolynne Williams.

Verona — Brian Schell, Carrie Smith, Bernadette Tsasa, Teresa Womack.

Wellesley Hills — Arturo Almazan, Charles Levy Jr., Teresa May, Lorette Siekmann.

HONORS GRADUATES

Bellefontaine — Josephine Avellone, John Barbara, Barbara Cimarelli,

Suzanne Cleaver, Paula Cimarelli, Michaela Coyle, Debbie Hearen, Melody Hyland, Jeffrey Rachel Lands, Janet Landers, Libby Parrot, Jamie Potts, Karen Pour, Cindy Ritter, Traci Richard, Heather Richardson, Retta Sage, James Scott II, Jane Tribou, Michael Troy, Gwendolynne Williams.

Granite City — Brian Schell, Carrie Smith, Bernadette Tsasa, Teresa Womack.

Irwin — Charles Levy Jr., Arturo Almazan, Charles Levy Jr., Teresa May, Lorette Siekmann.

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NEWS IN REVIEW

Compiled from staff reports

News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday papers.

Marshal trashes poker machines

Ethics propelled federal officials to destroy 172 video gambling machines Friday morning in Madison. Terry E. Delaney, United States marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, said it was his obligation to dispose of the machines.

Destruction rather than public sale was the best way to go, he said. Friday at 7 a.m., Drug Enforcement Administration workers loaded the machines into a trash truck to be crushed.

As a result of recent actions against video gambling by Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine and St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haida, the machines were destroyed rather than resold.

U.S. marshals had seized the gambling machines during the investigation and prosecution of Thomas Venezia and Amit Custo.

Former union boss pleads guilty

Roy J. Green, 56, the former president of United Steel Workers of America Local #14052, pleaded guilty March 18 to helping steal \$1 million from the union.

Also, Thomas H. Joseph, 37, James T. Brake, 28, and Jimmy D. Price, 42, all former union officers from Granite City, each pleaded guilty on Thursday in federal court on the charges, pleaded guilty in December of conspiring to embezzle \$1 million from the union.

Green and the others could go to prison for up to three years and could receive a fine of up to \$250,000.

All four were accused of writing personal checks totaling \$40,000 on union money between 1994 and 1995.

Mitchell relishes Price support

Bill Price, Republican candidate for the 12th District facing Democrat incumbent Jerry Costello in November, reaffirmed his support Saturday morning for Mitchell residents seeking to vote on incorporation.

Incorporation committee chairman Eddie Lee, member Ron Trimble, and other children helped Price cut the ribbon to officially open the campaign headquarters. Mitchell residents dubbed the headquarters "Mitchell City Hall."

The opening marks the beginning of a renewed effort by incorporation supporters to further their cause and win a referendum.

Alleged incident spurs complaint

Madison County Board Member Don Garrett, D-Madison, has accused Venetie Township Supervisor Andy Economy of spitting in his face during a confrontation before the primary elections last week.

Economy said there was an argument, but there was no spit.

A battery complaint was filed with the Madison Police Department against Economy, 52, by Garrett.

According to police reports, on March 15, Garrett and two other men were hanging political signs on the corner of Market Street and Washington Avenue when Economy allegedly pulled up in front of one of his tow trucks, cursed at Garrett and spit in Garrett's face.

Garrett filed a complaint, and was told by police he would not sue the signs.

Garrett said he thought Economy might have been provoked by a newsletter Garrett published before the election.

Cat tale

No real cougar prowling SIUE campus, officials say

By Linda N. Weller

Telegraph writer

A cougar may be the mascot of Southern Illinois University.

Students are saying a live version of the fabled feline probably isn't stalking the vast acres of the campus.

Todd S. Nichols, biologist from the Department of Natural Resources, failed to find any signs of a live cougar.

Tuesday afternoon on the university campus, Nichols said SIUE students are still talking about the cougar.

"The only cougar on this campus is the one that shows up at basketball games," Nichols said.

Nichols, who has been studying the campus for several weeks, said he hasn't found any tracks or other evidence of the animal during numerous searches.

"They say to keep it seriously on campus and on the bike paths," Conroy said, noting that searchers cannot check all of the university's 2,600 acres.

"We heard they will not attack humans unless they are eating or they are cornered," he said.

Conroy said unknown people put up alarming warning signs about the reputed animal on campus last week during break.

"The notices are being replaced throughout campus, including the bike trail, with official reminders to keep an eye out just in case there is a cougar," Nichols said.

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Conroy said the animals are not taking the campus terribly seriously. "We went through the procedures to be erring on the side of safety," Nichols said.

Students at nearby Edwardsburg High were warned during Tuesday's announcements to be alert for the alleged creature should it venture into the area.

Edmund Dickmann, Edwardsburg's director of police, said city police officers also are keeping an eye out for the animal as they patrol the Illinois Route 157 area.

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Former Madison resident celebrates 90th birthday

The 90th birthday of Rachel Tucker of Patterson, Mo., formerly of Madison, was celebrated on March 14 at the Granite City Township Hall. Decorations were in keeping with a St. Patrick's Day theme, using green placemats, balloons, centerpieces and a large decorated cake.

A program was given, featuring singing by a quartet from the Sweet Adelines led by Barbara Mersinger, granddaughter of the honored guest. Tributes were given by each of her children: Paula Faulkner of Edwardsville, Lorene Fox of Patterson, Mo., Virginia Trebing of Madison, Doris Fox of Piedmont, Mo. Also represented were two sons, David Tucker, who passed away recently, were two of his sons, John Tucker of Normal and Steve Tucker of Peoria.

A program written by a niece, Louise McMurry, of Piedmont, was read; and a talk about happenings in the year 1908 was given by grandmother, Joyce Doley of Bethalto. Booklets were written and printed by a granddaughter, Janet Fox Matchett of Haywood, Calif. An "Afternoon with Grandma," an outline of her life, were given to each guest. A picture poster display of great grandchildrens' work was arranged and displayed by her daughter, Doris Fox, D.J. Chip Mersinger of Granite City provided music for listening and dancing.

Those attending the celebration were: John and Natalie Tucker and children of Normal; John and Kathy Faulkner of Alton; Martha and Sheila Louvier; and Children of Bethalto; Kenneth Faulkner of



Maxine Green

Indianapolis; Cletie and Ruth Greathouse; Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Hause, Crystal and Tom Ullman; Great Grandsons of Granite City: Shirley Wood; Tasha, Keith and Dustin Harris; Jessica Wood and Keith Banks of Clinton, Ill.; Clarence and Margaret Brown; Gregory Engel Bauer of Collinsville; Pauline Mersinger; Richard and Virginia Trebing and Lea Trebing of Madison; Debbie Sigitas of Illinois; Lois McFadden; Pauline Stewart; Wayne Steward; David Steward; Amanda Steward; Fred and Brenda Fox and children; Sara and Karen Lunde; Kristin Marine; Cindy Kehler; Jeannie Naumoff; David Tracy and Christopher Steward; Eddie and Fren Affolter; Linda and Barbara Kuehner; Harold and Linda Tankley and daughter Vicki; Virginia and Rosalie Hudson; Lee and Eula Davis, of Granite City.

Mike and Kelly Faulkner of Plasa; Debbie Dye and children.

Laura and Lonnie Dye of Riverton, Ill.; Sandra Gwinnett and Nancy Tamm; Tom and Fred Fox; Louise McMurry of Piedmont, Mo.; Joe and Lorene Fox of Patterson, Mo.; Allan and Reba Keller; Kim Beiring; Gary, Mike and Diane Davis; Hilda and daughter Christina of Galesburg, Ill.

Steve and Mary Tucker of Peoria, Ill.; Michael and Janet Matocci; and daughter-in-law of Hayward, Calif.: Rev. Charles Jerde of Gillespie, Ill.; Thula Faulkner of Edwardsville; Clarence and June Yates of St. Louis; Marlene and Doris Sparks of St. Charles.

A full-course dinner was catered by Petri's of Granite City and a gala evening of reminiscing and renewing friendships with relatives and friends was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Tucker had five children: 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Saints Alive, the senior group of Madison County Baptist Association, enjoyed a trip to Sikeston, Mo., on March 10. They dined in the famous

Lambert's Restaurant, which is noted for the waiters tossing buns across the room to patrons. They also toured the city and shopped in several stores.

Members participating were Virginia Arakaki, Myra Grote; Louise Acock, Dorothy Watkins, Vera Kirkpatrick, Norma Rains, Ronald and Mary Jane Rains, Wanda, Judy Myatt, Sherman Smith, Helen Million, Bob Lewis, Ona White, Loreta Rains, Elwin Wilkinson (co-chair), and bus drivers Cecilia Levault, Calvin Talbert and Leroy Smith.

Several members attended a meeting on March 16 at the Baptist Center, where Jim Smith (co-chair) spoke to the Illinois Baptist Association.

Everyone spoke on how the reflections of Jesus reflect to the world, as to how the moon reflects the sun.

Kim Matthes and Kathy Green (sisters) celebrated their birthdays Sunday with a taco dinner in the home of their parents, John and Delores Holton. Birthday cake was also served to Bob and Carol Ichimbrook and daughter, Sarah, Mickey Sprague, Tom and Kathy Green Sr., Leland Matthes, Kerri and Kourtney Green, Maxine

Green, Daphne Chandler and daughters, Michelle and Diane, Rebecca Green, Kelly and Stephanie Matthes.

A reenactment of the walk Jesus and his followers made from Bethany to Jerusalem will be held by members of the Pontoon Baptist Church on Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. They will start at the vicinity of the Arlington Golf Course and proceed to the Pontoon Baptist Church just in time for services, with Palm Branches raised high — weather permitting.

On the evening of that same day, April 5, at 7 p.m., the church will host the Musical Drama of "Watch The Lamb." Everyone is welcome. Pontoon Baptist Church is located at 4000 Highway 111, at Pontoon Road.

A Raffle and Bake Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 27, in Bonventure's Cafeteria. Raffle tickets are now on sale and the drawing will be at 1:30 p.m. Prizes for the raffle include a Longaberger basket, four St. Louis Cardinals baseball tickets, antique reproduction pitcher and bowl and a hand-made ribbon angel.



Rachel Tucker

This raffle is to help a St. Elizabeth Medical Center associate and family on an extended illness.

Greg and Kari Schipkowski have announced the arrival of Benjamin Gregor Schipkowski, born Feb. 27, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and is 19 inches tall. He has two brothers, Kody, 2, and Stephen, 7.

Shimkus dispels deadline rumors

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

A local congressman wants to put to rest rumors about an Oct. 1 deadline to register for veterans benefits.

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, said his office has received requests for information about a supposed Oct. 1 deadline to register for benefits. "The deadline does not exist," he said.

"My office has been contacted by several individuals and veterans groups with rumors that they must register by Oct. 1 in order to receive veterans benefits any time in the future," Shimkus said. "This is simply not true."

"If a vet is sick, he will be entitled to benefits," said Greg Henn, a counselor at the Madison County Veterans' Affairs Office. "At different times, as a part of an insurance fraud scheme, this information gets circulated."

Shimkus said the inaccurate information is being dispersed via the Internet. Some radio and radio call-in shows thao state all veterans must register by the deadline or they will not receive future benefits.

The Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 did establish an enrollment system to manage the delivery of health care services by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In that legislation, an Oct. 1 deadline was set for implementing the new enrollment system, not a deadline for veterans to enroll.

"After Oct. 1, veterans will have to enroll to receive health care benefits from the VA," Shimkus said. "But this enrollment can take place at any time."

"For instance a veteran who does not enroll by Oct. 1 would still be eligible for VA services."

Information can also be obtained on the VA website at www.va.gov. The Chicago Veterans Affairs toll free phone number is (800) 827-1000.

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Senior promenade



On March 14, the walls of the Granite City High School cafeteria were decorated and streamers hung from the ceiling. Everything was set for the Senior Prom.

No, the students weren't getting a head start. The "dancers" who took to the floor that evening were area senior citizens, not the school's class of 1998.

The GCHS Student Council sponsors the Senior Citizen Prom each year, inviting local seniors to enjoy a free evening of dancing and refreshments with the students.

The prom has been an annual tradition for the last nine years, and attendance has increased steadily. This year 450 senior citizens attended the dance.

The 38 members of the school's student council are responsible for organizing the event. They call the sponsors for donations of food and services, plan the theme, find a band and decorate the cafeteria.

Student council sponsor Linda Ames said she would like to thank her chair people from the student council: Lori Gamblin, Jonas Janek, Katie Schermer, Melissa Smith and Regina Wright. Ames also thanked all of the sponsors, including major sponsor Avantara, for their support in making the event a success.

At top, from left, Granite City High School students Drew Blaylock, Amy Pennell, Amy Hatley and Josh Metford, dance at the 1998 Senior Citizen Prom. Above, Betty Welch Epperson dances with GCHS student Bobby Harris. Right, GCHS Student Council members Melissa Smith and David Cook take to the dance floor with a group of senior citizens.



Above, The horn section of the swing band Four of a Kind from Belleville provides the music for the prom. Right, Hilda and Jerome Stike, in the foreground, were among the senior couples who enjoyed the music and dancing at the event.



Story and photos by John Frese

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AM/FM stereo cassette, 100k
miles, owner. \$10,000. 618-588-5968.

• CARS

• VANS

• TRUCKS

66 DODGE/PLYMOUTH

'98 DODGE RAIDER, 70kxx
miles, 4x4, runs good, looks
good. \$34,650, call after
6pm.

• CARS

• VANS

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101 4 X 4

'98 FORD V-6, 4x4, Reduced
to \$3,250. BEACH

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320 HELP WANTED

ACCOUNTANT
GROWING COMPANY looking
for full-time or part-time ac-
countant. 3 to 5 years
experience required. Must
have knowledge of Excel, Word,
and benefit package.

• CARS

• VANS

• TRUCKS

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COMPUTER OPERATOR-
for wholesale florist. Experience
a must. Must be computer literate.
Call Cindy, 314-664-4831.

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DISHWASHERS
Full & Part-Time,
Day & Evenings

APPLY IN PERSON
Cracker Barrel

\$55-70 & 162 + Tr. II.

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DIRECTOR OF
SALES
Buy office must
be outgoing & ready to work
Wednesday, Friday, 8:45am
until 4pm. Must have
secretary skills.

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• VANS

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SAVE THOUSANDS
ON ALL NEW 97 & 98 MODELS

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Part time CLERICAL

Apply in person

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Weston Heritage Inn, call 2012 Vandale, Collville, IL 62240.

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Part time position available at Granite City Bank. Excellent opportunity for dependable, friendly teller. Good pay, excellent math and communication skills, and a desire to serve. Must be able to work overtime, evenings, including some weekends. Some previous retail banking experience preferred. Should send resume to Granite City Bank, Attention: Personnel Manager, 100 E. Main Street, Granite City, IL 62240.

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Rewarding experiences for those physically challenged in their work environment. No travel, travel pay & dental insurance included.

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Full time, part time, temporary.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

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Company of America is seeking a claims adjuster for a sales career in insurance.

We offer full training,

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Cutting and trimming \$15-\$19

1960 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN
PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SHERRY CARLYLE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION:
A notice is given to Lorraine Carlisle, Hausebeck,
Kayann Harbeck, and the unknown heirs of
Sherry Carlile, that a Partition Suit, by D. Carlyle, Sr. sealing
Letters of Administration on file in the Circuit Court of
Madison County, will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the 15th day
of April, 1998, at the time and place as set forth in the
Partition Suit, which you may see if you like.

Dated at Granite City, Illinois, the 15th day of April, 1998.

John D. Carlyle, Sr.
Personor

GC #6 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

1960 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

MARSHALL AMP Head, &
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